REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

LUNATIC ASYLUM,

FOR THE

Borough of Birmingham,

AS

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

BEING THEIR

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT;

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT AND CHAPLAIN;

ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS TO THE END OF THE YEAR 1863.

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Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

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Lunatic Asylum Committee of Visitors.

ANNUAL REPORT

For presentation to the Council at the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting,

16*th February*, 1864.

In submitting to the Council the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Lunatic Asylum, the Committee of Visitors have pleasure in stating that, during the year 1863, the various arrangements in connection with the Establishment have been satisfactorily carried out, and the Committee, in laying before the Council their Report, with tabular statements of the various departments for the year, feel confident it will be perused with interest by the Council and the public generally.

On the 1st of January, 1863, the number of Patients in the Asylum, was		451
Admitted in the year		210
Total .		661
Discharged in the year	97	
Died	50	
		147
Leaving in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1863		514

They were chargeable as follows:

Birmingham Parish	355
Birmingham Borough	9
Aston Union (in the Borough)	49
Aston Union (out of the Borough)	1
King's Norton Union	10
Bridgnorth Union	6
Leicester Union	15
Lincoln County	23
Warwick County	1
Private Patients	45
Total	514

The daily average number of Patients for the year was 484.

Of the Patients admitted, 33 had been previously in this Asylum, and 40 were Private Patients.

From the Reports of the Medical Officer, presented fortnightly, your Committee gather that the general health of the Patients has been good.

The Income and Expenditure for the year was as follows:

Income from Parishes, Unions, Private Patients, and Goods sold	£11774	11	8			
Expenditure for Maintenance, &c.	9515	8	1			
				2259	3	7
Receipts from Farm and Garden, with Stock	£3337	7	11			
Expenditure on ditto	3020	15	0			
	316	12	11			
Allow for Rent	50	0	0			
				266	12	11
Balance				£2525	16	6

From this Balance your Committee propose to pay £799. 14s. 5d., expended in the year on Building Account, not chargeable to Maintenance Account.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the close of the year were as follows:

Amount due by the Treasurer, December 31st . . .	£1858	5	2			
Accounts due for Maintenance, &c., Dec. 31st . . .	2746	18	10			
				4605	4	0
Tradesmen's Accounts due for Dec. Quarter				989	0	7
Balance in favour of Asylum . . .				£3616	3	5

The charges per week for maintenance, care, clothing, and medical treatment of Patients, have been, for Paupers belonging to Birmingham, 8*s.* 6*d.*; for Paupers not of Birmingham, 11*s.* and 14*s.*, and for Private Patients, 8*s.* 9*d.* to 21*s.*

The average weekly income per Patient, from all sources, for the year, was 9*s.* 5*d.* The expenditure, 7*s.* 7¼*d.*

Less 4*d.* per Patient for Goods sold and profit on Farm.

An average of 284 Patients have been employed, and the estimated value of the work done by them is £902. 8*s.* 2*d.*

The attendance at Divine Service on Sundays, and at Prayers on Week-days, has been more than two-thirds of the Inmates; and your Committee learn from the Officers of the Institution, that their behaviour and attention on those occasions was most exemplary.

With reference to the sanitory works of this Establishment, the ventilation and drainage continue to work well, and the warming is satisfactory. The water supply has been very precarious throughout the year, and a source of anxiety to your Committee. The question is now under the consideration of a sub-committee. In the meantime, great assistance has been rendered the Asylum by a supply of water from the Borough Prison, for which the Committee of Visitors have to thank the Visiting Justices.

The four blocks of Building lately erected have been insured in the Birmingham Fire Office. These blocks, forming the extension of the Asylum, are completely furnished and occupied, and the spacious day rooms and sleeping rooms are found to be as commodious

and efficient in comfort and convenience as could be required. The Asylum, with the Farm Buildings, &c., is in good repair, and is generally in a satisfactory state.

The boundary wall from the workhouse to the new bridge, on the grounds lately purchased by the Council for the Asylum, has been erected, and satisfactorily completed by Messrs. J. Hardwick & Son, at a cost of £522. 4*s*. 0*d*.

The purchase of the slips of land on the margin of the canal, adjoining the property belonging to the Council, has been purchased from the Canal Company on the terms recommended to the Council, and the deeds for conveying the same to the Council, will be prepared forthwith. A large and well-built shed for the recreation of the Male Patients has been erected in the grounds, which have been planted with evergreens and forest trees. It is intended to apportion a part of these grounds for gymnastic exercises, and other games, for the amusement of the Patients. Some additions to the machinery in the general wash-house have been made, and further improvements in this department are contemplated. From the increased number of Patients it has been found requisite to provide one of "Stephens's Bread-making Machines" for the bakehouse.

In each gallery there is a library of from one to two hundred volumes; and, in addition to this, daily and weekly papers, with a number of serial publications, are provided for the instruction and amusement of the Patients.

The Committee of Visitors have to thank the Chaplain of the Asylum for procuring a gift of instructive books from the Tract Society. Their thanks are also due to H. Greaves, Esq., of London, and Samuel Thornton, Esq., of Birmingham, for their valuable gifts of engravings, and to Messrs. Chance Brothers, of Smethwick, for glass for framing such engravings, which have been distributed through the Institution, and add much to the ornamentation of the wards. Besides these gifts, your Committee have provided many articles, both useful and ornamental, throughout the year; for, from past experience, they find that such arrangements not only add to the cheerfulness of the apartments, but are helps to drive away the dull monotony of a life passed in an Asylum, where,

too often, despondency is left to feed upon itself—in short, the Committee is satisfied that the impression of many, that these things are superfluities in such an Institution is entirely erroneous. Whilst on the subject, the Committee of Visitors would call the attention of the Council to the following extract from the Lunacy Commissioners' Report of last year, to the Lord Chancellor; they say—"With satisfaction we have to add, that in furnishing some of the additional wards to the Birmingham Asylum, opened during the past year, this principle has been adopted to its fullest extent, as indeed it had already been acted upon generally throughout that Asylum, in completely papering and painting those wards; in decorating the corridors and rooms with the greatest liberality; in supplying them amply with pictures, busts, plants, vases, and matters of ornament; in providing glasses, clocks, and a variety of articles of domestic furniture, not strictly necessary; but all of them contributing to cheerfulness and the feeling of home. No distinction has been made between the rooms, whether occupied by the best or the worst class of Patients, and the increased comfort and attractiveness has had the most beneficial effect upon all."

With all these provisions for the comfort of the Patients, your Committee find there is yet much to do, for in an Institution of the extent of the Asylum, with its various phases of character ever changing, there must be no relaxation on the part of those who have its management in their hands.

During the past year the rules for the guidance of the attendants and servants have been revised, and the conduct of the attendants, with one or two exceptions, has been satisfactory, and their duties, with those of the servants, well performed.

J. TAYLOR, Chairman.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH

MALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. Bread, and ½ oz. of Butter.

DINNER.

Sunday .	9 oz. undressed Meat, free from bone (roasted). 16 oz. Potatoes, or other Vegetables. 3 oz. Bread, and ½ pint of Beer.
Monday and Thursday .	Meat and Potatoe Pie (crust 12 oz., Meat 4 oz. and ½ pint of Beer; or 16 oz. of Suet Pudding, with raisins, and ½ pint of Beer. *Extra diet these days of Meat and Vegetables.*
Tuesday and Friday .	8 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (boiled). 16 oz. of Potatoes or other Vegetables. 3 oz. of Bread, and ½ pint of Beer.
Wednesday	1½ lb. of Irish Stew (of 4 oz. Meat and 16 oz. Vegetables), and ½ pint of Beer, with 3 oz. of Bread. *Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.*
Saturday .	1½ pint Pea Soup (Meat same as Stew) & 6 oz. Bread, or 16 oz. of Rice, or other Pudding, & ½ pint of Beer. *Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.*

TEA.

Tea, 6 oz. of Bread, and ½ oz. of Butter.

Extra diet as per Medical order.

TO PATIENTS EMPLOYED.

At 11 o'clock a.m. 4 oz. of Bread, 1 oz. of Cheese, and ½ pint of Beer.
At 4 o'clock p.m. ½ pint of Beer, from Lady-day to Michaelmas.

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1863.

FEMALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. of Bread, and ½ oz. of Butter.

DINNER.

Sunday .	8 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (roasted). 12 oz. of potatoes, or other vegetables. 3 oz. of Bread, and ½ pint of Beer.
Monday and Thursday .	Meat and Vegetable Pie (crust 9 oz. Meat 3 oz., and ½ pint of Beer; or Suet Pudding 12 oz., with raisins, and ½ pint of Beer. *Extra diet these days of Meat and Vegetables.*
Tuesday and Friday .	7 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (boiled). 12 oz. of Potatoes, or other Vegetables. 3 oz. of Bread, and ½ pint of Beer.
Wednesday	1 lb. of Irish Stew (4 oz. Meat and 12 oz. Vegetables), 3 oz. of Bread, and ½ pint of Beer. *Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.*
Saturday .	1 pint of Pea Soup (Meat same quantity as Stew), and 6 oz. of Bread, or 12 oz. of Rice or other Pudding, and ½ pint of Beer. *Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.*

TEA.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. of Bread, and ½ oz. of Butter.

Extra diet as per Medical order.

To Laundry Workers, Kitchen Patients, and House Cleaners, at 11 o'clock, a.m., 4 oz. of Bread, 1 oz. of Cheese, and ½ pint of Beer.

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

SALARIES AND WAGES.

Staff of Officers, Attendants, &c.	*To what Account Charged.*	*Amount per Annum.*		
		£.	s.	d.
Chaplain	To Necessaries	100	0	0
† Medical Superintendent . .	Ditto	400	0	0
* Clerk of Asylum, of Visitors, and Steward . . .	Ditto	200	0	0
* Matron	Ditto	60	0	0
* Assistant Clerk . . .	Ditto	40	0	0
Baker and Brewer . . .	Maintenance	65	0	0
Stoker and Assistant Brewer .	Necessaries	58	10	0
† Engineer (Wife Side Gate Keeper)	BuildgMaterials	78	0	0
† Gardener (Wife Front Lodge Keeper)	Farm & Garden	71	10	0
† Farm Man (Wife Dairy Woman)	Ditto	52	0	0
One Carpenter . . .	BuildgMaterials	72	16	0
Two Painters & Paperhangers .	Ditto	99	9	8
One Tailor and Upholsterer .	Clothing	65	0	0
One Shoemaker . . .	Ditto	65	0	0
* Thirteen In-door Male Attendants	Necessaries	292	10	0
Three Out-door ditto .	Farm & Garden	162	3	8
One Male Night ditto .	Necessaries	52	0	0
* Fourteen Female Attendants .	Ditto	229	1	0
* One Female Night ditto .	Ditto	21	15	0
* Two Laundress ditto .	Ditto	41	15	0
* Two Kitchen ditto .	Ditto	29	0	0
* Two Housemaids . . .	Ditto	18	0	0
		£2273	10	4

Marked * have Board, Apartments, &c.
Marked † have Apartments, Fuel, and Gas.

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average
Men .	206	207	209	215	222	226	222	223	229	225	230	232	220½
Women	247	250	256	258	262	263	266	266	261	262	274	284	262½
Total .	453	457	465	473	484	489	488	489	490	487	504	516	483

Greatest number of Patients in the Asylum this Year . . 519
Lowest number of Patients in the Asylum this Year . . 449

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average
Men .	99	96	95	96	100	99	103	102	102	106	104	110	101
Women	178	178	180	181	183	185	186	185	186	186	187	186	183
Total	277	274	275	277	283	284	289	287	288	292	291	296	284

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM EACH YEAR FROM THE OPENING.

Years	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863
Patients	246	270	272	283	281	295	312	345	353	346	360	400	483

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Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND DRAPERY FURNITURE MADE AND REPAIRED IN THE YEAR.

ARTICLES MADE.	*No.*
Coats and Jackets	45
Trowsers (pairs)	115
Waistcoats	51
Caps (mens')	41
Braces (pairs)	74
Boots (pairs)	170
Shoes and Slippers (pairs)	66
Shirts	383
Chemises	367
Night Jackets	89
Petticoats	249
Flannel Vests	99
Dresses	329
Aprons	510
Caps (women's)	276
Scarfs	178
Neck & Pocket Kerchiefs	480
Stockings, knitted (pairs)	290
Ditto, re-footed (pairs)	139
Mattresses	295
Bolsters	289
Bolster Cases	380
Carpets	37
Table Cloths	61
Window Blinds	48
Window Valances	102
Towels	233
Sheets	413
Knife Cloths	23
Shrouds	66
Garters (pairs)	407
Kneelers	47
Dusters	843

ARTICLES REPAIRED.	*No.*
Coats, Jackets, Waistcoats, Trowsers	1355
Boots, Shoes, Slippers (pairs)	964
Sheets	3008
Blankets	287
Bolster and Pillow Cases	1662
Counterpanes	147
Mattress Cases	43
Carpets	120
Window Blinds	29
Window Valances	30
Table Cloths	601
Towels	829
Shirts	1285
Chemises	3675
Flannel Vests	691
Petticoats	1758
Skirts	1482
Dresses	3140
Drawers	726
Night Gowns	2009
Caps	2458
Aprons	2119
Neck & Pocket Kerchiefs	1454
Bonnets	1206
Stockings (pairs)	17768
Stays (pairs)	734
Shawls	158
Men's Frocks	47
Scarfs	37

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND DRAPERY FURNITURE DELIVERED OUT OF STORE DURING THE YEAR.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING.	*No.*
Coats and Jackets	61
Waistcoats	68
Trowsers	105
Boots, Shoes, and Slippers	374
Stockings (pairs)	304
Flannel Vests	55
Hats and Caps	134
Handkerchiefs and Scarfs	382
Shirts	340
Women's Caps	224
Dresses	283
Aprons	317
Shawls	44
Bonnets	92
Stays	58
Chemises	362
Petticoats	180
Night Jackets	108

ARTICLES OF FURNITURE.	*No.*
Sheets	468
Pillow Cases	286
Counterpanes	74
Blankets	138
Mattresses	40
Bolsters	40
Feather Beds	2
Feather Pillows	4
Waterproof Sheets	56
Carpets	133
Towels	260
Table Cloths	61
Palliasses	56
Under Bolsters	48
Valances	102

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED, WITH THE AGGREGATE OF DAYS AND VALUE OF LABOUR.

AT WHAT EMPLOYED.	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Days.*	@	*Value.*		
					£.	*s.*	*d.*
On the Grounds	33	–	304	4d.	165	10	8
Gallery Cleaners and Helpers	39	24	311	1½d.	102	9	1
House Cleaners	–	5	311	1½d.	9	14	4
House, Gate, and Town Porters	4	–	313	4d.	20	17	4
Baker's Helper	1	–	313	6d.	7	16	6
Carpenter's ditto	3	–	184	6d.	13	16	0
Smith's ditto	4	–	301	6d.	31	0	0
Shoemaker's ditto	2	–	136	6d.	6	16	0
Tailor's ditto	5	–	297	6d.	37	0	0
Upholster's ditto	1	–	215	6d.	5	7	6
Painter's ditto	2	–	227	6d.	11	7	0
In the Stores	7	–	311	4d.	36	5	8
Ditto Cooking Kitchen	–	10	356	2d.	29	13	4
Ditto Laundry	–	27	311	4d.	140	19	0
Needleworkers	–	102	311	2d.	264	7	0
Knitters	–	15	311	1d.	19	8	9
	101	183			£902	8	2

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

PARISHES, UNIONS, &c., TO WHICH PATIENTS HAVE BEEN CHARGEABLE IN THE YEAR, WITH THE ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS.

	In the Asylum Jan. 1st, 1863	Admitted in the Year.	TOTAL.	Discharged or Removed.	Died.	Total Discharged or Died.	Remaining in Asylum, Dec. 31st, 1863.
Aston Union	48	14	62	4	8	12	50
Birmingham Parish . . .	314	120	334	47	31	78	355
Birmingham Borough . . .	10	4	14	4	1	5	9
Bridgnorth Union . . .	6	3	9	2	1	3	6
King's Norton, ditto . . .	6	8	14	3	2	5	10
Leicester ditto . . .	7	21	28	9	3	12	15
Lichfield ditto . . .	–	–	–	1	–	1	–
Lincoln ditto . . .	24	–	24	–	1	1	23
Saint James's Parish, London . .	1	–	1	1	–	1	–
Warwick County . . .	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Wolverhampton Union . .	1	–	1	1	–	1	–
Private Patients . . .	34	40	74	25	3	28	45
Total . .	451	210	661	97	50	147	514

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

PROVISIONS AND NECESSARIES DELIVERED OUT OF STORE, &c., IN THE YEAR 1863.

	January.	*February.*	*March.*	*April.*	*May.*	*June.*	*July.*	*August.*	*September.*	*October.*	*November.*	*December.*	TOTAL.
Meat	5313	5187	5986	5391	5552	5315	5729	5382	5777	5641	5909	6774	67,956 lbs.
Flour . . .	935	999	926	911	961	962	993	909	978	1011	917	1051	11,553 stones
Bread (home-made) .	14,825	13,634	15,200	14,997	16,175	15,759	16,309	15,969	15,894	16,483	16,003	17,082	188,330 lbs.
Potatoes . . .	146	121	127	131	166	116	84	45	99	129	129	160	1,453 bushels
Other Vegetables .	£4/15/7	£6/8/10	£8/7/0	£9/4/7	£5/1/11	£10/5/9	£26/10/8	£29/14/4	£19/18/5	£14/2/5	£7/13/0	£7/11/11	£149/14/4
Cheese . . .	401	424	388	480	465	418	485	478	376	386	426	427	5,154 lbs.
Butter . . .	832	812	945	929	894	1105	802	1058	934	914	1087	952	11,264 lbs.
Eggs . . .	70	99	90	122	70	98	102	113	59	117	194	163	1297
Fish	£1/10/6	3/0	—	—	£10/2/7	£5/10/1	£1/8/6	—	—	£1/12/1	6/6	6/10	£21/0/10
Poultry and Game .	6/6	11/6	1/9	—	—	—	8/0	18/-	17/-	£1/8/6	£1/8/9	£1/5/0	£7/5/0
Malt	76	113	62	96	60	87	90	89	76	126	84	90	1,049 bushels
Hops . . .	91	137	63	109	65	77	102	106	91	157	103	104	1,205 lbs.
Ale (home-brewed) .	120	60	180	60	240	60	60	120	120	180	120	120	1,440 gallons
Beer (ditto) . .	1560	1245	1030	1560	1180	1430	1630	1420	1470	1660	1300	1630	17,115 galls.
Porter . . .	24	24	24	24	24	24	72	48	36	36	48	36	492 pints
Wine. . . .	1	—	3	1	1	2	4	5	1	1	—	8	27 bottles
Spirits . . .	1	1	4	—	1	2	5	2	1	1	1	7	26 bottles
Milk	257	268	322	301	313	300	310	310	300	310	239	296	3,526 gallons
Tea	99	109	109	104	100	95	93	110	100	103	111	95	1,228 lbs.
Coffee . . .	119	113	137	118	125	128	120	124	120	125	122	127	1,478 lbs.
Sugar . . .	718	661	804	696	716	756	833	794	749	712	759	844	9,042 lbs.
Rice	42	14	28	—	28	21	14	28	—	28	14	14	231 lbs.
Corn Flour . .	10	9	7	10	7	8	10	8	10	4	3	8	94 lbs.
Split Peas . . .	200	180	180	180	200	220	210	180	200	200	180	200	2,330 lbs.
Currants . . .	2	—	77	33	5	7	94	—	46	—	30	119	413 lbs.
Raisins . . .	143	105	151	235	154	134	42	126	127	197	279	214	1,907 lbs.
Fruit . . .	—	—	£3/16/6	£1/6/7	—	—	7/6	£3/15/3	18/6	—	£2/8/0	£4/17/2	£17/9/6
Chicory	51	70	78	68	78	60	69	62	60	73	62	[illegible]	794 lbs.

Mustard . . .	12	19	18	15	12	12	15	16	12	14	18	32	195 lbs.
Pepper . . .	10	12	12	11	14	11	13	14	11	11	10	10	139 lbs.
Salt	6	4	5	4	5	12	4	5	4	4	6	4	63 cwt.
Vinegar . . .	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	29 gallons.
Drugs . . .	£2/2/7	£7/10/9	£6/5/10	£3/4/9	£4/12/7	£7/6/7	£8/6/1	£4/2/8	£1/13/9	£12/12/8	£7/18/1	£2/1/11	£67/18/3
Tobacco . . .	16	16	21	17	16	20	18	18	16	20	20	18	216 lbs.
Soap	421	412	423	434	407	460	467	467	427	475	440	524	5,357 lbs.
Soda	198	172	247	215	200	241	220	220	200	243	241	259	2,656 lbs.
Blue . . .	2	2	4	2	4	4	2	4	4	5	5	5	43 lbs.
Starch . . .	9	9	10	10	10	13	9	11	9	10	11	12	123 lbs.
Candles . . .	21	20	18	11	13	13	8	19	13	17	24	18	195 lbs.
*Coal . . .	55	120	54	174	54	25	122	120	49	118	75	94	1060 tons.
Firewood . . .	£2/0/0	£/2/0/0	£2/15/7	£2/0/0	£2/0/0	£2/11/0	£2/0/0	£2/10/0	£2/0/0	£2/0/0	£2/10/0	£2/0/0	£26/6/7
Gas	183,500	183,50	183,500	45,100	45,700	45,100	68,100	68,100	68,100	164,400	164,400	164,400	1,363,000
Matches . . .	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	7 gross.
Black Lead . .	7	14	7	7	7	14	—	7	7	7	7	14	98 lbs.
Blacking . . .	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	8 gross.
Bath Bricks . .	20	20	20	20	—	20	20	20	—	20	20	20	200
Hair Brushes & Combs	—	—	—	—	—	—	£1/0/0	£1/12/0	—	—	4/0	4/0	£3
House Brushes . .	£2/3/2	£2/19/0	£3/0/11	£1/18/2	£2/0/6	£4/0/9	£2/4/9	£2/12/8	£3/16/6	£4/1/6	£3/3/0	£2/0/7	£34/1/6
Scouring Flannel .	£3/10/3	£3/8/9	£3/8/9	£3/8/9	£3/8/9	£4/2/6	£3/15/0	£4/10/0	£3/8/9	£4/2/6	£4/2/6	£3/8/9	£44/15/3
Beeswax . . .	4	8	9	8	6	7	1	8	6	5	4	3	69 lbs.
Books, Stamps, &c. .	£4/0/3	£2/17/5	£5/19/2	£16/5/5	£3/8/1	£3/10/2	£5/12/6	£4/16/10	£3/3/10	£4/13/6	14/6	£16/16/1	£71/17/9.

* Coal is charged for as received at the Wharf, being bought by Boat Gauge, is charged for accordingly.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM

Income.

Heads of Income.	*March* 31.			*June* 30.			*September* 30.			*December* 31.			Total.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
To Parishes and Unions, for Maintenance, Clothing, Medicines, and care of Lunatics	2466	13	4	2604	14	8	2657	8	5	2746	18	10	10475	15	
To Private Patients, for Maintenance, Medicines, and Attendance . .	245	13	1	297	17	5	316	18	6	326	9	7	1186	18	
To Sundries sold from the House, and supplied to the Farm	28	17	9	29	13	1	16	19	11	36	7	1	111	17	
Total . .	£ 2741	4	2	2932	5	2	2991	6	10	3109	15	6	11774	11	

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

ANUARY 1st TO DECEMBER 31st, 1863.

Expenditure.

Heads of Expenditure	March 31.			June 30.			September 30.			December 31.			Total.		
Provisions.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
y Meat	446	10	0	440	6	6	457	7	11	496	5	7	1840	10	0
,, Flour	248	5	2	234	19	9	238	0	3	226	1	8	947	6	10
,, Tea, Coffee, and Chicory	61	11	0	61	17	9	56	15	3	57	9	6	237	13	6
,, Sugar	36	16	5	35	11	10	38	4	7	38	3	3	148	16	1
,, Ale and Beer . .	115	16	11	111	10	11	110	12	5	132	2	2	470	2	5
,, Wine, Spirits, and Porter	2	6	10	2	16	8	4	11	10	6	12	5	16	7	9
,, Fish, Poultry, and Game	2	13	3	15	13	5	3	11	6	6	7	8	28	5	10
, Potatoes & other Vegetables	78	13	5	102	12	10	110	16	2	81	12	4	373	14	9
,, Peas, Corn, Flour, Rice, and Spices . .	4	12	0	4	18	7	5	9	3	5	10	1	20	9	11
, Currants, Raisins, & Fruit	10	15	11	12	2	6	13	11	5	21	16	11	58	6	9
, Milk and Eggs . .	29	6	3	31	15	2	31	16	2	30	2	10	123	0	5
, Butter and Cheese .	139	3	9	150	1	9	154	5	11	165	18	0	609	9	5
, Vinegar, Pepper, Salt, & Mustard . . .	3	11	9	4	19	4	4	16	11	4	4	10	17	12	10
, Tobacco and Pipes .	8	12	11	8	3	5	8	13	4	9	0	4	34	10	0
, Sundries . . .	6	14	7	...			2	1	0	...			8	15	7
, Baker & Brewers' Wages	16	5	0	16	5	0	16	5	0	16	5	0	65	0	0
, Drugs & Surgical Instruments . . .	15	19	2	15	3	11	14	2	6	22	12	8	67	18	3
Necessaries.															
, Coal	102	16	0	108	17	4	130	19	0	127	10	3	470	2	7
, Gas	73	9	0	18	14	0	28	6	1	68	7	1	188	16	2
, Firewood, Candles, and Matches . . .	8	5	10	7	9	7	7	11	7	8	0	3	31	7	3
, Soap, Soda, Starch & Blue	17	8	8	18	17	7	19	11	3	21	5	7	77	3	1
, House Brushes, & Scouring Flannel . .	18	10	10	18	19	5	20	7	8	20	18	10	78	16	9
, Hair Brushes & Combs	...			...			2	12	0	0	8	0	3	0	0
, Books, Printing, Postage, and Stationery . .	12	16	10	23	3	8	13	13	2	22	4	1	71	17	9
, Bath Bricks, Blacking, Black Lead, & Chimney Sweeping . . .	0	17	3	2	6	4	0	15	10	0	16	3	4	15	8
Beeswax . . .	2	2	0	2	3	0	1	8	0	1	2	6	6	15	6
Sundries . . .	11	12	10	19	12	5	13	17	5	16	8	0	61	10	8
Clothing . . .	199	4	1	185	13	9	171	14	10	179	2	2	735	14	10
Salaries & Wages chargeable to Patients. .	377	5	3	381	8	10	387	19	3	394	17	11	1541	11	3
Furniture . . .	90	15	9	162	5	4	179	4	9	152	7	4	584	13	2
Repairs of Building, Wages, and Materials.	155	13	6	108	5	0	130	3	7	120	18	6	515	0	7
Bank Charges . .	...			12	10	2	...			...			12	10	2
Funeral Expenses .	6	7	0	5	12	6	9	7	6	5	18	6	27	5	6
Removals, Recaptures, &c.	5	11	9	11	6	9	9	15	4	9	13	0	36	6	10
Balance for the year .	430	13	3	596	0	2	592	18	2	639	12	0	2259	3	7
Total . . £	2741	4	2	2932	5	2	2991	6	10	3109	15	6	11774	11	8

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR EACH QUARTER, AND THE YEAR;

WITH CHARGE AND COST PER WEEK.

Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending March 31	459
Charge per Week for Paupers, 8/6, 11/-, and 14/-; Private Patients, from 8/9 to 21/-	
Cost per Week per Patient for this Quarter	7/9¼
Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending June 30	480
Charges per Week the same as preceding Quarter	
Cost per Patient per Week for this Quarter	7/5¾
Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending Sept. 30	489
Charges per Week the same as above	
Cost per Patient per Week for this Quarter	7/6¾
Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending Dec. 31	501
Charges per Week the same through the Year	
Cost per Patient per Week for this Quarter	7/7
Daily Average Number of Patients resident in the Year . . .	482
Average Weekly Income per Patient for the Year	9/5
Average Weekly Expenditure per Patient for the Year . . .	7/7¼

SUMMARY OF THE COST PER PATIENT PER WEEK FOR THE YEAR.

	s	*d.*
Provisions (including that of Officers, Attendants, and Servants) .	4	.0
Medicines, Wine, Spirits, and Porter	0	0¾
Necessaries (as Coal, Gas, Soap, Brushes, &c.)	0	9½
Clothing (including Wages of Tailor and Shoemaker) . . .	0	7½
Salaries of Officers, Attendants, and Servants	1	2¾
Furniture . . . . . , ...	0	5½
Building Repairs, Carpenters', Engineers', Painters', and Masons' Wages; also Taxes, Insurauce, &c.	0	5¼
Total Cost per Week .	7	7¼
Less for Goods sold from the House, and Profit on Farm and Garden	0	4
Actual Cost per Patient per Week for the Year	7	3¼

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

FARM, GARDEN, AND STOCK ACCOUNT.

INCOME.

	£.	s.	d.
To 35,910 lbs. of Beef, at 6½d.	972	11	9
,, 14,103 lbs. of Mutton, at 6½d.	381	18	11
,, 15,983 lbs. of Pork, at 6½d.	432	17	5
,, 955 lbs. of Veal, at 6½d.	25	17	3
,, 2,278 galls. of Milk (sold to Borough Prison)	113	17	11
,, 287½ galls. of Milk (sold to J. Hester)	10	15	8
,, 3,525 galls. of Milk (supplied to Asylum)	117	10	4
,, 428 lbs. of Fresh Butter (ditto)	26	14	11
,, 848 Eggs	3	10	8
,, 1,134 Bushels of Potatoes	145	18	0
,, Green Vegetables	150	10	7
,, Poultry	4	8	3
,, 15 Tons of Mangold Wurzell	15	0	0
,, 5 Tons of Swedes	5	0	0
,, 15 Tons of Hay	67	10	0
,, 29 Bushels of Pig Potatoes	1	9	0
,, 2 Bacon Pigs sold	13	10	0
,, Pebbles off the Land sold	12	3	4
,, Hides, Skins, and Fat sold	152	18	7
,, Income Tax returned	5	1	3
,, Sundries sold	0	5	7
,, Stock as per Valuation	677	18	6
	£3337	7	11

EXPENDITURE.

	£.	s.	d.
By Live and Dead Stock, January 1, 1863	680	18	0
,, 45 Fat Beasts purchased	953	10	0
,, 7 Milking Cows and Calves	98	18	6
,, 149 Fat Sheep	389	2	0
,, 76 Fat and Store Pigs	128	12	10
,, Provender	372	10	5
,, Seeds	16	15	10
,, Implements	28	19	10
,, Wages	297	1	11
,, Tithes, Rates, and Taxes	24	10	9
,, Timber	4	13	6
,, Coal	11	14	8
,, Manure	6	16	4
,, Sundries	6	10	5
Profit on the transactions of the year	316	12	11
	£3337	7	11

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

Gentlemen,

In the course of my duty I am again, and for the thirteenth time, called upon to present to you an Annual Statement upon the condition and management of your Asylum, being my Report for the year 1863.

The general health of the Establishment has again been excellent, its inmates having enjoyed a happy immunity from epidemic and endemic disease, and the incidents of the year, beyond the ordinary routine, have been few and unimportant.

The conduct of the sub-officers has, with few exceptions, been entitled to commendation, but one of the male attendants committed himself badly by an act of violence towards a patient under his charge, and by making an assault upon the steward. For these offences he was taken before the magistrates, who ordered him to be fined for the one, and imprisoned for the other.

The statistical tables, which as usual are appended, explain of themselves most points connected with the Medical Department; but a partial analysis of their contents will not be out of place.

The admissions during the year were—Pauper Patients, 170; Private, 40; total, 211; which is the largest number admitted in any year since the Asylum opened. These, with the 450 left in the House on the 1st of January, make a total of 661 Patients who have been under charge during the year. Thirty-nine were re-admissions; twenty-four of them after discharge on recovery. These were absent from the Asylum for periods varying from two months

to nine years, except one who returned at the end of fifteen days. The average daily number of Patients *on the books* was 485 against 400, in 1862. The highest number of Patients was 518; the lowest, 449.

Seventy-four Patients were discharged recovered, which is thirty-five per cent. upon the admissions, and fifty died—precisely the same number as in 1862. This is 23.6 per cent. upon the admissions; 7.5 per cent. upon the total number under treatment.

These per centages contrast favourably with the corresponding ones of the previous year. The deaths that year were 8.7 per cent.; the recoveries only twenty-five per cent.

It will be seen in table X that one-half the deaths arose solely from paralysis and other forms of brain disease. Eleven were cases of phthisis, combined in three instances with brain disease, and in three with pneumonia. Three deaths were caused by heart disease; three by bronchitis, and four by pneumonia. Nearly the whole of these Patients were in bad health—mostly suffering from the disease of which they died at the time of their admission. In one case an inquest was held. This Patient, two days before her death, fell down in an apoplectic fit, and in the fall, broke her leg just above the ancle. *Post-mortem* examination disclosed very extensive softening of the substance of the brain, with blood effused in its centre. This being evidently the cause of death; a verdict to that effect was returned by the Coroner's Jury.

Two Patients, who were admitted in a state of pregnancy, were confined in the Asylum. One of these Patients recovered, and was discharged; the other is still in the house; and it is worthy of remark, that her husband is also a Patient in the Asylum.

Among the admissions of the year, 62 were certified to have suicidal propensities, and many had made serious attempts at self-destruction before they came. Happily, such attempts within the Asylum have been very few. The only serious ones were that of a Private Patient who tried to hang himself, but was too closely watched to be able to effect his purpose; and that of a young woman who thrice succeeded in cutting her throat, making, each time, a rather large wound, but not a dangerous one.

The Asylum is much indebted to Samuel Thornton, Esq., for a present of pictures and books; and we have also to thank him for valuable engravings, kindly presented upon his application, by Mr. H. Greaves, and Mr. P. Wescott, of London—twenty by the former, and twenty-six by the latter. These, together with those given by Mr. Thornton himself, altogether nearly ninety, were framed and glazed, and are now ornamenting the walls of the various apartments, contributing much to their cheerfulness. The glass for twenty of the largest was kindly given by Mr. Chance.

THOMAS GREEN,
Medical Superintendent.

January 15, 1864.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

SUMMARY OF ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1863.

	Private. M.	Private. F.	Pauper. M.	Pauper. F.	M.	F.	Total.
Patients in the House, January 1, 1863.	16	17	192	225	208	242	450
Admitted during that year	18	22	86	85	104	107	211
	34	39	278	310	312	349	661
Discharged Recovered .	9	7	25	33	82	65	147
,, Improved .	1	4	5	1			
,, Unimproved .	2	2	5	3			
,, by Death .	3	–	32	15			
Remain January 1, 1864	19	26	211	258	230	284	514

Average Daily Number, Males 221, Females 264.

Highest Number, 518, Lowest 449.

Five of the Discharges were Transfers—three Escaped.

TABLE II.

TOTAL ADMISSIONS, DEATHS, AND DISCHARGES.

	Admissions.			Deaths.			DISCHARGES.									Total Deaths and Discharges.			Remain from each Year's Admissions.		
							Recovered.			Improved.			Unimproved.								
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
1850	112	95	207	7	3	10	6	3	9	1	—	1	5	—	5	19	6	25	26	24	50
1851	89	87	176	20	11	31	21	27	48	2	4	6	5	5	10	48	47	95	7	9	16
1852	58	62	120	24	13	37	15	31	46	8	7	15	15	14	29	62	65	127	5	7	12
1853	87	87	174	32	15	47	31	42	73	4	3	7	12	6	18	79	66	145	6	5	11
1854	71	70	141	28	18	46	30	37	67	7	9	16	11	11	22	76	75	151	2	10	12
1855	56	66	122	18	10	28	31	28	59	5	6	11	7	7	14	61	51	112	6	13	19
1856	78	48	126	19	12	31	33	24	57	7	4	11	14	4	18	73	44	117	4	10	14
1857	98	56	154	28	12	40	29	28	57	11	—	11	7	3	10	75	43	118	11	11	22
1858	92	74	166	19	17	36	44	35	79	7	5	12	9	5	14	79	62	141	14	19	33
1859	58	60	118	25	13	38	28	41	69	4	6	10	17	16	33	74	76	150	12	15	27
1860	67	61	128	23	18	41	20	20	40	2	2	4	14	8	22	59	48	107	11	15	26
1861	68	74	142	21	9	30	21	24	45	7	5	12	6	17	23	55	55	110	22	19	41
1862	100	99	199	35	15	50	17	29	46	5	9	14	9	6	15	66	59	125	45	55	100
1863	104	107	211	35	15	50	34	40	74	6	5	11	7	5	12	82	65	147	59	72	131
	1138	1046	2184	334	181	515	360	409	769	76	65	141	138	107	245	908	762	1670	230	284	514

TABLE III.

Showing how the Patients remaining on the 1st January, 1863, have been disposed of during that year.

Number of Patients remaining from the Admissions of		Cured.	Improved	Not Improved	Died.	Remain.
1850 . .	52	. .	. .	. .	2	50
1851 . .	17	. .	. .	. .	1	16
1852 . .	13	. .	. .	1	. .	12
1853 . .	12	1	. .	. .	. .	11
1854 . .	13	. .	. .	1	. .	12
1855 . .	21	. .	. .	. .	2	19
1856 . .	14	. .	. .	. .	. .	14
1857 . .	24	. .	. .	. .	2	22
1858 . .	35	. .	. .	. .	2	33
1859 . .	29	. .	. .	. .	2	27
1860 . .	31	. .	. .	2	3	26
1861 . .	51	3	. .	2	5	41
1862 . .	138	21	3	1	13	100
	450	25	3	7	32	383

TABLE IV.

STATE OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM ON THE 1st OF JANUARY, 1864.

		M.	F.	Total.	
As to probability of Recovery	Curable .	30	46	76	
	Incurable .	200	238	438	
					514
Social State	Married	92	107	199	
	Single	125	141	266	
	Widowed	13	36	49	
					514
Epileptics		48	43	91	
Paralytics		28	13	41	
Congenital Imbeciles		11	4	15	
Criminal Lunatics		6	9	15	

TABLE V.

FORM OF DISORDER IN THE 211 CASES ADMITTED IN 1863.

	M.	F.	Total.
Acute Mania	13	13	26
Mania	53	39	92
Ditto with Paralysis	11	1	12
Ditto with Epilepsy	8	11	19
Melancholia	5	21	26
Dementia	4	8	12
Ditto with Paralysis	7	6	13
Ditto with Epilepsy	2	5	7
Congenital Imbecility	1	3	4
	104	107	211

TABLE VI.

DURATION OF DISORDER AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	Total.
Not exceeding One Month	52	60	112
,, ,, Three Months	19	21	40
,, ,, Six Months	11	8	19
,, ,, Twelve Months	5	3	8
,, ,, Two years	10	0	10
Above Two Years	7	15	22
	104	107	211
Cases of more than One attack	26	19	45

TABLE VII.

AGES OF THE 211 PATIENTS.

	M.	F.	Total.
Under 15	0	2	2
From 15 to 20	2	8	10
,, 20 ,, 25	6	17	23
,, 25 ,, 30	13	19	32
,, 30 ,, 35	16	13	29
,, 35 ,, 40	15	13	28
,, 40 ,, 45	16	10	26
,, 45 ,, 50	10	5	15
,, 50 ,, 55	9	4	13
,, 55 ,, 60	8	6	14
,, 60 ,, 65	5	4	9
,, 65 ,, 70	3	3	6
Above 70	1	3	4
	104	107	211

TABLE VIII.

CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

		M.	F.	Total.
Social State	Married	63	53	116
	Single	34	41	75
	Widowed	7	13	20
		104	107	211
Able to Read and Write		83	68	151
Able to Read only		6	16	22
Uneducated		15	23	38
		104	107	211
Established Church		70	72	142
Protestant Dissenters		20	25	45
Roman Catholic		11	8	19
Jewish		3	2	5
		104	107	211

TABLE IX.

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION OF PATIENTS ADMITTED IN 1863.

	M.	F.	Total.		M.	F.	Total.
Mechanics and Artizans	40	10	50	Hawkers	5	1	6
Wives of ditto	–	41	41	Gardener	1	–	1
Tailors	3	–	3	Labourers	10	–	10
Shoe-makers	3	–	3	Publicans	2	1	3
Baker	1	–	1	Traveller	1	–	1
Painters	2	–	2	School Teachers	1	2	3
Brewer	1	–	1	Merchants	3	–	3
Maltster	1	–	1	Servants	3	8	11
Engraver	1	–	1	Shopkeepers	8	–	8
Clerks	8	–	8	Laundresses	–	6	6
Soldier	1	–	1	Seamstresses	–	2	2
Coke Dealer	1	–	1	Dressmakers	–	3	3
Cab Drivers	3	–	3	Prostitutes	–	6	6
Cigar-maker	1	–	1	No Employment	4	27	31
					104	107	211

TABLE X.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE 50 FATAL CASES.

	M.	F.	Total.
General paralysis	14	2	16
,, ,, and sphacelus	1	–	1
,, ,, and diarrhœa	1	–	1
Ordinary paralysis	–	1	1
Epilepsy	1	2	3
Softening of brain	1	1	2
Convulsion and coma	1	–	1
Maniacal exhaustion	–	1	1
Phthisis	3	2	5
,, and pneumonia	3	–	3
,, and brain disease	3	–	3
Pneumonia	2	2	4
Bronchitis	1	2	3
Abscess and gangrene of lung	1	–	1
Heart disease	2	1	3
Chronic mania and old age	1	–	1
Dysentery	–	1	1
	35	15	50

Average age at death: Males 43, Females 46.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS OF THE BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM, BIRMINGHAM.

Gentlemen,

In presenting my Sixth Annual Report as Chaplain to the Borough Lunatic Asylum, I have sincere pleasure in stating that, during the past year, the Institution has been conducted upon the same uniformly excellent principles, which, for many years, have characterized the administration of its affairs, and which, under God's blessing, have resulted in the cure of a large number of persons, and the amelioration of the condition of a still larger number of those afflicted by maladies of a mental character.

It is with great thankfulness that I report that my efforts for the moral and spiritual benefit of the inmates committed to my ministerial care, have been of a most satisfactory and encouraging nature, both as regards my ministrations in the Chapel, and the instructions of a more private and personal character, I have been enabled to afford, from time to time, in my weekly visits to the galleries.

I have, during the past year, been frequently called to the bedsides of the sick and dying: at such seasons my heart has been often cheered in witnessing the soothing and consolatory influences of religion upon the minds of the poor afflicted inmates.

The Religious Services in the Chapel have been in the same order as reported in former years, and I am happy to report that the Patients, for the greater part, evince a deep interest in Public Worship, and join heartily with great devoutness of bearing in the performance of the various parts of Divine Worship.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been regularly administered each quarter, during the past year, to such of the officers and patients as were desirous of partaking of the Ordinance.

I am happy to report that the Library continues to form a useful and powerful auxiliary for good in the Institution. The attention alluded to in my Report, last year, by which each gallery had its book-case furnished with volumes of an interesting character, has worked admirably, and proved a great boon to the inmates. I may, however, remark that, owing to the great increase in the number of inmates, an additional supply of books would be highly acceptable and beneficial.

I have had the pleasure, during the past year, of presenting a valuable parcel of books to the Library, the same having been granted to me by the Committee of the Tract Society.

During the summer months lectures and entertainments have been occasionally provided for the benefit of the inmates. Your Chaplain had the pleasure to deliver a lecture in the Hall, upon the "Life and Times of Christopher Columbus," and was pleased to observe that the audience appeared much interested. I have occasionally attended the meetings for recreation in the hall on Monday evenings, and have been pleased to observe the general air of cheerfulness pervading the assembly. I am quite of opinion that such gatherings for social intercourse, contributes very much to the benefit of those for whom they are provided.

I may be permitted, in concluding my Report, to remark, that I have been solicitous during the past as in former years, to promote

the moral and spiritual welfare of those entrusted to my ministerial care; and it is with unfeigned pleasure that I report that I have continued to receive the cordial co-operation and support of the superior officers, and the willing and respectful attention of the attendants in seconding my efforts for the happiness and welfare of those committed to my charge.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient and faithful servant,

CHARLES BRITTAIN,

Chaplain.

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